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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No. 09 / 967,055 First Named Applicant: Jerald C. Seelig
Examiner: Carmen White Art Unit: 3714 Status of Application: _____

Tentative Participants:

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Proposed Date of Interview: 10/14/2003 Proposed Time: 1:30 (AM/PM) PM

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☐ Telephonic (2) ☒ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☒ YES ☐ NO

If yes, provide brief description: Gaming Device

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Ref., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>Rejection</u>	<u>1-12, 31-39</u>	<u>Orr</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) <u>Rejection</u>	<u>1-12, 31-39</u>	<u>Baerlocher</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

☒ Continuation Sheet Attached

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

See Attached Continuation Sheet

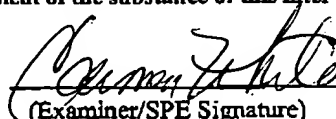
An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on 10/14/03.

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(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature)


(Examiner/SPE Signature)

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Orr appears to disclose a game with more than two outcomes. That is, Orr appears to suggest at least two cards being drawn, with the game outcome determined by whether both cards are red, both cards are black, or if there is a mix of red and black cards. The player appears only allowed to bet on "all red" or "all black." Furthermore, the outcome of Orr appears to be determined by more than one symbol. For example, in the above method, one would need to look at two cards, each having a symbol, to determine whether the game is a winning or losing outcome. Accordingly, Orr does not meet Applicant's claims, which are directed to determining a game outcome based on which one of two possible symbols is displayed.

Baerlocher does not teach awarding a prize based on the number of similar outcomes obtained. Rather, it appears that Baerlocher allows a player to pick from indicators that will be either success or failure indicators. If the player picks a failure indicator, the game ends. If the chosen indicator is a success indicator, the player is awarded a prize and may choose another indicator. However, it appears that each of the prizes is completely independent of the other prizes. Accordingly, the prize awarded the player does not depend on the number of similar outcomes chosen. This is in contrast to Applicants' invention. For example, in a coin embodiment, Applicants teach awarding one prize when 2 of 3 coins bear the same symbol and awarding a different prize when 3 of 3 coins bear the same image.